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## Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JOHN E. SUNUNU, a Senator from the State of New Hampshire.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Today's prayer will be offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Kim Swithinbank of The Falls Church, Falls Church, VA.

### PRAYER

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Almighty God and Heavenly Father, You alone rule the nations of the world. In Your perfect timing and wisdom, You raise up leaders and You bring them down. You entrust power and authority into their hands, and one day You will call them to account for their stewardship of these gifts. In light of this, we are conscious of the awesome responsibility that You have entrusted to our Nation at this time in the history of Your world.

Therefore, we pray for all who lead and hold high office in this land, especially for the Members of this Senate, that You would give them Your "Spirit of wisdom and understanding, of counsel and might, of knowledge and the fear of the Lord," that their deliberations and decisions would be godly, righteous and pure.

As the eyes of many are on this Nation, may its leaders govern in such a manner that results in peace with justice, and that provides a model for a watching world. We ask these prayers in the mighty name of Jesus, the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JOHN E. SUNUNU led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, May 22, 2003.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN E. SUNUNU, a Senator from the State of New Hampshire, to perform the duties of the Chair.

TED STEVENS,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. SUNUNU thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Virginia is recognized.

### THE GUEST CHAPLAIN

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, first, I wish to say how pleased I am to recognize our guest Chaplain for the day, who is now preaching the gospel in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and with roots to Great Britain, a nation which has been our ally for over 200 years after we settled a mild difference in 1776. But I must say that his message was most appropriate for the day. The magnificent way in which he delivered that message, I felt as if it reverberated through the rafters because of the resonance of that powerful voice. We welcome him.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, last evening, owing to the great help of many persons, not the least of whom is

the distinguished Democratic whip who is here on the floor with me this morning, the bill of the Armed Services Committee made remarkable progress. Through the night, the staff on both sides prepared another significant collection of amendments which will soon be brought to the Senate for clearance.

When the Senate resumes consideration of the bill today, the Murray amendment will be laid aside, and Senator DASCHLE, or his designee, will be recognized to call up amendment No. 791 regarding the Department of the Air Force.

For the information of all Senators, amendments are expected throughout the day, and therefore rollcall votes will occur as designated by the leadership. It is the managers' hope—and, indeed, I may say from the Chaplain's prayer—that this bill will be concluded, hopefully, by midday today.

I know of several amendments on both sides which I believe we can work our way through. Some of them require the attention of the Senate, of course, with a rollcall vote.

With that, I yield the floor.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MINORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The assistant Democratic leader is recognized.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, as we spoke last night as we were leaving, it seemed to me the only hurdle left was what we were going to do about the amendment offered by the distinguished Senator from Washington. She has offered this amendment 7 years in a row. We have had a straight up-or-down vote on this amendment 7 years in a row. It seems to me that would be the way to handle this matter, which, of course, is controversial, as are many other amendments on this very bill. Once we get through that—if, in fact, we do get through it, and it could hold

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